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SUMMARY. IN WIDE RANGING INTERVIEW PUBLISHED LEMONDE JUNE 5, PRESIDENT SENGHOR LAMBASTED ARABS FOR INSUFFICIENT ACTION IN COMPENSATING LDGS FOR OIL PRICE RISES; REAFFIRMED HIS DEVOTION OCAM; EXPRESSED ANXIETY OVER BRITISH ATTEMPTS RENEGOTIATE ENTRY EEC AND, PARTICULARLY, BRITISH PROPOSAL DIVIDE FED ASSISTANCE FUNDS EQUALLY BETWEEN AFRICA'S ASSOCIATED COUNTRIES AND OTHERS; ANNOUNCED PRC READY NORMALIZE RELATIONS WITH INDIA AND WITHDRAW ITS OPPOSITION ENTRY BANGLADESH INTO UN; AND PREDICTED PORTUGUESE WOULD RECOGNIZE STATE OF GUNEA-BISSAU WITHOUT REFERENDUM. END SUMMARY.

1. LE MONDE REPORTER JEAN DE LA GUERIVIERE HAS PROBABLY HAD HIS LAST INTERVIEW WITH PRESIDENT SENGHOR, FOR HE EVIDENTLY RECORDED TOO PRECISELY PRESIDENT SENGHOR'S OFF-THE-CUFF AND FRANK VIEWS ON INTERNATIONAL POLITICS. LE MONDE ARTICLE PROVOKED A DISCLAIMER JUNE 6 ON FRONT PAGE OF

SOLEIL: "THE SO-CALLED INTERVIEW OF M. JEAN DE LA GUERIVIERE IS NOTHING BUT A PERSONAL INTERPRETATION OF FACTS SET FORTH BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC. HE (THE PRESIDENT) LEAVES TO HIM THE ENTIRE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE VALUE JUDGEMENTS HE (THE REPORTER) MADE."

2. INTERVIEW WITH SENGHOR OCCURRED AFTER HIS MEETING WITH GISCARD D'ESTAING ON HIS RETURN FROM HIS TRIP TO CHINA, NORTH KOREA, INDIA, AND BANGLADESH. FIRST TOPIC WAS RELATIONS WITH FRANCE. SENGHOR SAID THAT PRESIDENT GISCARD HAD PROMISED GO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO AFRICA, NOT NECESSARILY BEGINNING SENEGAL, SINCE HE HAD JUST MET SENEGALESE CHIEF OF STATE. GISCARD ALSO REPORTEDLY SAID THERE WOULD BE SOMEONE IN PRESIDENCY RESPONSIBLE FOR RELATIONS WITH AFRICAN CHIEFS OF STATE. SENGHOR REITERATED TO GISCARD HIS PREOCCUPATIONS WITH REGARD DECLINING QUANTITY FRENCH AID AND PERSISTENT TENDANCY SEND "BOY SCOUTS" INSTEAD OF TECHNICIANS TO AFRICA (SEE REF AIRGRAM). HE ALSO STRESSED TO FRENCH PRESETT IMPORTANCE UK REQUEST RENEGOTIATION ITS

TERMS ADHERENCE TO EEC. SENGHOR TOLD HIM HE WAS IN DISAGREEMENT WITH BRITISH PROPOSAL BY WHICH FED ASSISTANCE FUNDS WOULD BE EQUALLY SHARED BETWEEN AFRICAN ASSOCIATED COUNTRIES AND LDCS OF OTHER CONTINENTS.

3. SEGHOR NEXT DISCUSSED CONSEQUENCES RISE IN PETROLEUM PRICES. HE SAID ARAB COUNTRIES HAD PROMISED COMPENSATE AFRICANS BUT HE REGARDED THESE COMPENSATIONS AS MOST INSUFFICIENT. REPORTER INTERJECTED SENGHOR'S RELATIONS WITH BOUMEDIENNE SEEM EXCELLENT, THEN QUOTED SENGHOR AS FOLLOWS:

"IT IS NECESSARY TO SHAKE (SECOUER) THE ARABS. WE WILL TAKE UP THIS QUESTION AGAIN AT THE OAU AND WE WILL BE VIGOROUS BECAUSE WE WILL BE ENTRE NOUS."

4. PRESIDENT APPARENTLY ATTRIBUTED POSTPONEMENT OCAM MEETING TO FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES HOST COUNTRY (CAR). SAID NEW DATE FOR MEETING WOULD BE FIXED AT OAU CONFERENCE, WHILE IN MEANTIME HE WOULD TRY IMPROVE RECENTLY DETERIORATING RELATIONS BETWEEN FRANCE AND BOKASSA. FIRST PROBLEM FOR OCAM WILL BE FINDING NEW HEADQUARTERS-NECESSITATED BY WITHDRAWAL CAMEROON. OCAM ESSENTIAL, HE ADDED, FOR MAINTENANCE FRANCOPHONE UNITY. AT LAST NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE CLEAVAGES WERE NOT BETWEEN LEFT AND RIGHT, BUT BETWEEN FRANCOPHONES AND ANGLOPHONES. "IF OCAM BREAKS UP WE WILL BE EATEN BY THE ARABS AND THE ANGLOPHONES."

5. SENGHOR ALSO TOLD INTERVIEWER THAT CHINA WISHES NORMALIZE ITS RELATIONS WITH INDIA AND WOULD BE WITHDRAWING ITS OPPOSITION TO ENTRY BANGLADESH IN UN. HE SAID HE TRANSMITTED THIS MESSAGE TO INDIAN AND BANGLADESH LEADERS.

6. FINALLY PRESIDENT, APPARENTLY REPEATING CONCLUSIONS HE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HAD DRAWN FROM RECENT MEETING WITH PORTUGUESE FOREIGN MINISTER SOARES IN PARIS, SAID THAT PORTUGUESE WOULD RECOGNIZE STATE OF GUINEA-BISSAU WITHOUT REFERENDUM. QUESTION CAPE VERDE ISLANDS WOULD BE SET ASIDE FOR TIME BEING BUT PAIGC WILL HAVE RIGHT DISSEMINATE ITS PROPAGANDA IN CAPE VERDES. SENGHOR ADDED THAT HE THOUGHT CERTAIN NUMBER AFRICAN COUNTRIES WOULD ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH PORTUGAL ONCE AN AGREEMENT WITH PAIGC CONCLUDED.

7. COMMENT: INTERVIEW AS REPORTED BY DE LA GUERIVIERE HAS RING OF AUTHENTICITY; QUOTES ARE TYPICALLY SENGHORIAN. SENGHOR NO DOUBT MORE EMBARRASSED BY QUOTES ON RELATIONS WITH ARABS THAN ANY OTHER QUOTES SINCE HE ACTIVELY SEEKING ARAB AID FOR SENEGAL AND SINCE HE HAS ALWAYS TRIED MAINTAIN FACADE OF ARAB AFRICAN UNITY, VIS-A-VIS DEVELOPED COUNTRIES.

HOWEVER STATEMENT HIS FRANK VIEWS ON ANGLOPHONE VERSUS  
FRANCOPHONES MAY ALSO CAUSE HIM TROUBLE.  
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